

Synopsis of Mount Massive, Colorado

1. Named by Gannett, _____.
2. Around 1901, there was talk of changing the name to Mount McKinley; nothing further came of it.
3. In 1916, a proposal was received to change the name to Gannett Peak. There was opposition, so the Board retained the name Mount Massive, but applied the name Gannett Peak to the highest summit on Oct. 14, 1916.
4. Upon publication of the Leadville topographic map in 1922 (of which I cannot find a copy; perhaps they were all destroyed intentionally later on?), on which the name Gannett Peak appeared, there was enormous opposition, including one letter from the Forest Service, due to everyone misinterpreting that the name Mount Massive had been changed to Gannett Peak. (It is unclear from the information in the file whether the name Mount Massive appeared on the map or not.)
5. As a result, the decision for Gannett Peak was "dropped from decisions 5/3/22".
6. Letter of 8/16/62 received from USFS, regarding three summits in the area of Mount Massive and Mount Elbert, in which the FS indicated that the features had no known names (see attached letter).
7. In 1965, there was talk of changing the name of Mount Massive to commemorate Sir Winston Churchill; nothing further came of it.

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